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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
	§	**CASE NO: 18-35672**
WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, *et al.*,	§	**CHAPTER 11**
	§	
	§	**Jointly Administered**
Debtors.	§	**DAVID R. JONES**

ORDER
(Docket No. 629)

The Court has carefully reviewed the detailed objection filed by Mar-Bow Value Partners, LLC to the Debtors' Application to Employ McKinsey Restructuring and Transformation Services U.S., LLC ("McKinsey"). That objection is filed subject to Bankruptcy Rule 9011. The objection alleges conduct by McKinsey in this case and at least one other case pending before the Court that, if true, could violate Title 18 and otherwise impugn the integrity of the bankruptcy process. The Court requests the United States Trustee to review the allegations set forth in the Mar-Bow objection and make a written recommendation to the Court on how best to proceed.

The Court wishes to make clear that, at this point, it is making no findings or conclusions regarding the conduct of any person or entity. The Court and those sworn to protect the bankruptcy process have a duty to investigate allegations raised by parties and to facilitate a transparent fact-finding process to protect our government's institutions and the public confidence in those institutions.

SIGNED: November 30, 2018.

DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE